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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the Government will call for the necessary information in this case?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know why the Government say that there is no reason to suppose that the Police would not have behaved otherwise?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"Because, nothing of the kind was brought to our notice."

Alleged beating of Messrs. D. Subbayya and Nabi Sahib at Bapatla on 11th April 1932.

* 148 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that two persons Dassari Subbayya and Nabi Sahib were subjected to a severe lathi charge by the Police of Bapatla on 11th April 1932, after they were taken by the Police into their custody near the Sub-Court;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said two persons were beaten by eight constables with lathis and casuarina sticks simultaneously;

(*c*) whether the Government have perused the statement of an advocate who was an eye-witness of the same; and

(*d*) what action have the Government taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The facts reported are as follows:—

One Nabi Sahib and his companion tried to enter the Sub-Court, Bapatla, on 11th April 1932 to create a scene. They were promptly turned out. An excited crowd which followed them was ordered by the Sub-Inspector to disperse and on its refusal to do so was dispersed by a cane charge. It is not true that the two persons mentioned in the question were beaten with lathis or casuarina sticks as alleged.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The incident was the subject-matter of a criminal complaint in the Court of the Joint Magistrate, Ongole, who dismissed the complaint under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code. The Government do not propose to take any action in the matter.

Alleged forcible dispersal of a Congress procession at Mangalore on 13th April 1932.

* 149 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there was a peaceful Congress procession on 13th April 1932 in Mangalore town of about 40 Congress volunteers including ladies;